



2025 Successes For the Wild

Goal 1: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- ✓ **Revelstoke Climate Coalition** (RCC) established a committee structure including three positions to develop an action plan that is meaningful to local residents. Community events occurred regularly with residents for engagement and education.
- ✓ RCC presented to the **City of Revelstoke Environmental Advisory Committee** Oct. 2025 to provide an overview of actions to date and invite City partnership.
- ✓ Grant requests were submitted to secure funding for the **Urban Forest Project** endorsed by the City of Revelstoke however were unsuccessful.

Goal 2: Empower community to take actions to protect the environment

- ✓ Grant funding secured to **hire an education coordinator position for eight weeks** during the summer 2025 to coordinate youth and public **educational events** (guest presenter at a number of school aged summer camps, market table/public education), and **support Western Toads and Turtle Conservation Revelstoke actions** such as data collection, road crossing monitoring & education (e.g. video production).
- ✓ Successfully hosted the **Kokanee Fish Festival** focused on **education of Revelstoke grade two students** about ecosystems and the importance of local salmon migration. Collaborated with two other local non-profit societies.
- ✓ Public viewing of “**Safe Haven**” documentary with Amber Peters, Valhalla Wilderness Society (VWS) Oct 2025 with about 200 people attended to learn about the **Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness** and the importance of protection status for this pristine old growth forest north of Revelstoke.
- ✓ A petition in support of the **Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness** secured **843 signatures** in Revelstoke was provided to VWS.
- ✓ Branch Manager provided regular quality **community education** via newsletters (eBlast), Instagram and Facebook posts throughout 2025.
- ✓ A subcommittee created an amazing interactive **Luna Art Fest installation** with fantastic public feedback!

Goal 3: Protect natural spaces, especially primary forests, within the North Columbia region

- ✓ An **Inland Temperate Rainforest campaign plan** was drafted in fall 2025 with Wildsight Regional to further advocate for North Columbia primary and old growth forests in alignment with Old Growth Strategic Review recommendations.
- ✓ Monitored and submitted feedback via the new BC Government public portal about proposed forestry permits for cutblocks and roads impacting old growth forest: [the Forest Operations Map \(FOM\) online portal](#).
- ✓ Supported **Turtle Conservation Revelstoke** (TCR) action plan. TCR is a community partnership focused on improving Western Painted Turtle population and survival rates in the Revelstoke Reach. A public education event and YouTube video was created, turtle nest improvements made, fencing installed to keep turtles off roads, as well as actions to reduce predator threats and collect key data.

- ✓ Protection work for **Western Toads** was ongoing in the Revelstoke Reach. Toad Watch community toad **monitoring** occurred and **two road tunnels under Airport Way were installed** to reduce vehicle fatalities during the summer migration.
- ✓ Regularly provided local input to **advocate for protection of Mountain Caribou and habitat** to the Provincial Mountain Caribou Recovery Program. The BC Government Mountain Caribou local herd plan is long overdue.
- ✓ **Advocated for inclusion of the environment** as a third and equal priority within the **Columbia River Treaty** by participating with the Upper Columbia Basin Environmental Collaborative.
- ✓ Co-hosted “**Columbia River Conversations**” with Wildsight Regional, an immersive weekend educational event for 20 public participants with a focus on all things Columbia River.
- ✓ Hosted in the Inland Temperate Rainforest: a **MycoBlitz** (mushroom hunt), **an old growth forest run event** and supported a **lichen picking** event for food for the Mountain Caribou maternity pen near Nakusp.

Goal 4: Build organizational capacity and the financial sustainability

- ✓ The Fundraising Subcommittee hosted a number of **events**: an online auction, repair cafes for the repair of outdoor clothing and gear, a nature trivia night in the park and sale of 2026 calendars featuring local photographers and artists.
- ✓ Participated in Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce **non-profit societies continuing education day**.
- ✓ Wildsight Revelstoke was **ominated for a Chamber of Commerce environmental award**.
- ✓ Participated in Wildsight Regional & Branch Fundraising Committee.

These many accomplishments by a volunteer Board of Directors, part time Branch Manager would not have been possible without the support and collaboration with numerous volunteers, non-profit societies, organizations, businesses and grant funders. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this work during 2025 to protect the natural world for current & future generations!

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